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We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. A check for \$846 representing the filing fee.
2. Application - 43 pages, including 5 independent claims and 9 claims total.
3. Drawings - 14 sheets of formal drawings containing 27 figures.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 11-170187, filed on June 16, 1999.

Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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